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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

VERONIQUE SOUSA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: ROLAND, C. M.

SERIAL NO: 10/577,159 :

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FOR: PHASE CHANGE MEMORY ELEMENT WITH IMPROVED

CYCLABILITY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2007, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 20-33, for further examination on the merits in the present application.

Further, in response to the Election of Species requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, Species C relative to Figure 1B, with Claims 20-25, 28, 29, and 31-33 readable on the elected species.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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